

HULMEVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Hulmeville Borough Council was held on the above date at the Borough Hall, 321 Main Street.

Councilmembers Present

Thomas Wheeler, President
Dan Mandolesi, Vice President
Mayor Debbie Mahon
Doug Harris
Nick Lodise
Judy Coleman
Nicholas Toth
Stanley Omietanski IV, Jr. Council
Sarah Omietanski, Jr. Council

Staff in Attendance

Solicitor Robert DeBias
Officer Carragher
Water & Sewer President Kurt Ludwig
Fire Marshall William Wheeler
Secretary Dorothy Omietanski

Councilmembers Absent: Doug Edge

Councilmembers Late to Arrive: none

Staff Absent: Treasurer Diane McKairnes

Guests in Attendance: Joe Nocito, Trisha Boyle, Sheri Wheeler, Ron Robbins and Marce Heald

Call to Order: Mr. Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes:

Motion made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Mr. Harris to approve the minutes of January 6 and 21, 2020; Motion Passed with all in favor 6-0-0

Public Comment: none

Police Report:

- Mayor Mahon read the report for the month of January 2020: 22 incident reports, 4 accident reports, 1 assist, 1 EMS call, 2 summary citations, 45 traffic citations, 1 criminal arrests, 2 parking, 6 hours district court and 0-hour county court for total hours worked: 225, Total Salary \$5,636.25. Note council approved increase in hours worked by police and Chief and the increase is now reflected.
- Trailers – Police are still having issues with trailers parking on Borough streets.
- Office Computer – The reporting system Informant is being installed on the police department computer. Thank you to officer Sean DiMeo for assisting with the installation.

Mayor Mahon also asked Stanley Omietanski if he could update the computer from Windows 7 to Windows 10. If the computer cannot accept the update she asks that he report that as well.

- Business Cards – Chief Baran ordered business cards at a cost of \$28.61 to be distributed when issuing accident reports.

Motion made by Mr. Harris seconded by Mr. Lodise to approve payment to Chief Baran for reimbursement of \$28.61 for business cards; motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.

- Firearms Qualification – Firearms qualifications for the new hand guns will be given by JLN Ranges at a cost of \$300.00.

Motion made by Mr. Mandolesi seconded by Ms. Coleman to pay JLN Ranges the amount of \$300 for firearm qualifications; motion passed with all in favor 6-0-0.

- Drug Take Back – The next drug take back day is scheduled for Saturday April 25, 2020 from 10am – 2pm.
- Easter Egg Hunt – The annual Easter egg hunt is scheduled for April 4, 2020 in coordination with the Hulmeville Historical Society.
- Bike Issues – Bicycle swerving on streets is being noticed again. Ms. Omietanski reported that a large group of bicyclists was riding down Bellevue Ave just two days ago late afternoon some in the middle of the street.

Water and Sewer:

- Video of Sewer System – The video work is completed and Steve Hartman from Carroll Engineering came to the last Authority meeting to discuss the findings. Work to the system has been classified as high, moderate and low priority. The high priority work will cost an estimated \$44,000 to complete. However, depending on how the repair work is done the Borough has options that could cut the costs in half. Two major areas of concern are a pipe at the corner of Green and Trenton, and root issues in various areas of the system.
- Water Shut Off – Two weeks ago Mr. Ludwig and Chief Baran posted water shut off notices on 4 homes. Three out of the four paid avoiding shut off, and one house's water was shut off. The Authority received an electronic payment for the account whose water was shut off and it has since been turned back on.

MS4:

- Newsletter – The spring news letter is being put together now. Mayor Mahon received an article for the newsletter from Sarah Omietanski regarding the 2020 Census.
- Training – Mayor Mahon reminded everyone that at the February 18th work session she will be conducting the annual mandatory training.
- Upcoming Events – Earth Day event at Core Creek Park will be held on 4/25/20 and the tree planting on 11/14/20.

TMDL / BMP's: Permit years 2018-2022 – items that need to be accomplished over the next 5 years. DEP will be conducting their permit inspections in the spring of 2020. Samantha Brinker from Gilmore will keep us informed of that inspection.

- TMDL No1: encouraged riparian forest buffers for all residents along the creek
- TMDL No 2: conduct site inspections to encourage storm water control measures
- TMDL No 3: installation of 2 deciduous trees in open space or within the borough proper
- TMDL No 4: reduce infiltration
- TMDL No 5: modify basins for increased infiltration reduction
- TMDL No 7: encouraged home owners to install rain barrels
- TMDL No 8: additional provisions:
 - Continued with the 4 leaf pick-ups through the fall/winter season
 - Sump Pump inspection enforcement
 - Decide on sediment reduction project
 - Lawn and garden pick up 4/1-12/1 weekly

Floodplain:

- Dumping in the Neshaminy – A report was made to Bensalem Township regarding observed dumping in the Neshaminy at the Adventure Land Property. Dawn M. Davis, Primary Assistant to Mayor DiGirolamo, told Mayor Mahon that she forwarded the concerns to their Building and Planning Department. She also suggested that any residents witnessing dumping should call the police immediately, regardless of which side of the creek the dumping is occurring.

Storm Water:

- Updated Data Base – Mayor Mahon appreciates any updates and contact information for new residents that have moved into our town in that storm water affects all residents and not just those who live in floodplain.
- Water Issue McCarthy – Mayor Mahon is going to schedule a follow up meeting with Gilmore and Assoc. to discuss the findings from the Hulmeville Authority report on the sewer system.
- Storm Drain Cleaning – Mayor Mahon is going to send a letter to BCWSA regarding cleaning of storm drains. She asked Mr. Ludwig if in the letter he can be designated as the point of contact. Mr. Ludwig said that would be fine.

Fire Marshal:

- Emergency Operation Plan – Fire Marshal Wheeler is in the process of updating the Emergency Operation Plan. He distributed the emergency notification list, and will post the plan to the website for council to view.

Mayor:

- 150 Year Celebration – There is a meeting scheduled for 2/27/20 at 7pm to discuss the cookbook fundraiser for the 150 year celebration, and the next committee meeting for the celebration is scheduled for 3/12/20 at 7:30pm.

Mayor Mahon left the meeting at 8:05pm. Mr. Wheeler assumed the duties of Mayor Mahon for the remainder of the meeting.

Borough Property:

- Electrical Work – Armour Electric gave Mr. Mandolesi a price of \$1,995 for the electrical work at Borough Hall. Mr. Mandolesi thinks the price is a little high and would like to get a second quote for the work.
- Apt B – There is water coming in a window in Apt B that will need to be addressed.
- Carpet Meeting Room – Mr. Mandolesi picked up half the carpet for the meeting room and plans to pick up the remainder tomorrow with help from Mr. Lodise. He is going to place the carpet in the hallway temporarily.

Lights: no report

Streets:

- Curb Repair – Mr. Wheeler has not been able to secure a price yet for the curb work.
- Pot Holes – Mr. Lodise has a running list of road repairs but the Borough has to wait for warmer weather to complete the work.

Personnel: no report

Planning: no report

Finance: no report

Trash:

- Neshamony Methodist Church – Three trash cans belonging to Neshamony Methodist Church went missing. The church had to purchase three refurbished cans from Leck.

Jr Council Member:

- Question Mr. Omietanski – What happens if you cannot fill a council person's seat? Council has 30 days to fill a seat. If council cannot agree on who receives the seat, the decision moves to the vacancy board, which right now is chaired by Dave Harris. If the vacancy board cannot fill the seat then the issue moves to the Common Pleas Court in Doylestown where a judge appoints a person to the seat.

